Merry Christmas

The Shakerite

Happy New Year

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Choir members practice for their performances.

Christmas Season at Shaker Commences With Choir Concert

"Unusual" would be a good adjective to use in describing this year's annual Alumni Christmas Concert, which will be presented by the choral groups, led by Reynold Ellis, this evening, December 21, at 8:15 p. m. in the high school auditorium.

Tonight's program, which will initiate the Christmas season at Shaker, will be different because of the variety of music included. For instance, the A Cappella Choir will sing Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Wonderful Guy* and *Oklahoma!* In presenting music such as this, the choir will be departing from the traditional practice of limiting Christmas concerts to Christmas music.

However, the Alumni Concert will by no means be lacking in seasonal music. For instance, the Singers' Club and the Glee Club are joining together to perform Benjamin Britten's famous choral work, *A Ceremony of Carols*. Also in a holiday mood will be Fred Waring's arrangement of *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*.

Another feature of the concert this year will be the choir's rendition of Mendelssohn's sacred cantata, *Hear My Prayer*, in which Judy Molnar will sing the soprano solo. Judy has studied voice and is recognized for her fine work in local operatic productions. *Hear My Prayer* is a fine example of the emotion and the spirituality which is reflected in the composer Mendelssohn's music.

Also included in the program will be *Gloria in Excelsis*, by Florence Jolley, Mozart's *Lacrymosa*, Tchaikovsky's *Cherubim Song*, and *Madame Jeanette*, composed by Alan Murray. The choir will conclude its part in the program by singing three Christmas carols.

To close the Christmas concert in the traditional manner, the choral groups will unite with the alumni of the A Cappella Choir, who have been specially invited to this program, in singing Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus*. This mighty chorus from *The Messiah* will provide, as it has always provided, a glorious finale to an evening of fine music.

Rudolph "goes down in history"

Whing Ding Shindig To Cheer Exam Blues

Whoop-de-do!! Shindig!! Blue Book Bang!! Whing Ding!! Call it what you want, but the January 26 party is the biggest deal since Big Ed Goldie.

Sponsored by the Social Council and featuring Rudy Brown's Clowns playing from 8:30 to midnight, this whirl appears to be the ultimate in excitement for Shakerites this year. Dress for the evening will be informal.

There will be booths where students can have their pictures taken behind bars or with their favorite guy or gal as a fat man and a skinny lady. Skill games will also be set up to be enjoyed by all. All this plus popcorn balls and cotton candy for only one dollar for each Shakerite. When a ticket is bought, the student also receives a string of tickets with which he can buy food or play games of skill.

Another thing Shakerites won't want to miss will be entertainment by parents who are working on this most entertaining event of the year. Heading the committees are Mr. and Mrs. Body and Mr. and Mrs. McArt as the entertainment chairmen. In charge of decorations are Mr. and Mrs. Dillingham and Mr. and Mrs. Cox. While refreshments are handled by Mr. and Mrs. Freedman, Mr. and Mrs. Crumbine will tend to the sale of tickets. In charge of the booths will be Mr. and Mrs. Borglund, Mr. and Mrs. Storm, and Mr. and Mrs. Flynn.

Come one, come all Shakerites to the biggest event since Elvis Presley came to Cleveland, the lively twirl on January 26, your best buy for a dollar anywhere.

Holiday Greetings!

As we, blessed with so much, enjoy this Christmas vacation with our families and friends, let us remem- the ideas and ideals of the Season we are observing.

RUSSELL H. RUPP

Welfare Drive Aids 49 Needy Families

"Peace on earth—good will toward men" is the seasonal Christmas feeling that seems to pervade the atmosphere at school and at home. The gifts exchanged at this time are the tangible things that are remembered from Christmas to Christmas, but this year, many families throughout greater Cleveland, because of a lack of money, will not have the gifts to give.

These unfortunate families have appealed to the County Welfare Board to supply them with money that is needed badly. None of the money the families will receive will be used for anything but absolute necessities.

This year, the Student Council agreed to undertake again the support of 49 of these families, one for each homeroom in the high school. The Civics-Welfare Committee, made up of students from all three classes and under the chairmanship of Nancy Schweid, has put in a lot of effort in order to make the drive a success. Letters, written to the County Welfare Board, were posted in the Student Council Office. Each homeroom then sponsored that family. Although no definite amount for a donation had been designated, it was suggested that the contribution be a sufficient amount to help the family.

Since these families received Christmas help from the homerooms alone, it was up to Shakerites to make this Christmas a merry one for those less fortunate than they are.

Illness Strikes Faculty; Starr Hurt in Accident

This year, not students alone are having bouts with illness. Germs, being impartial, are enjoying the company of teachers as well.

Two faculty members who are playing host to pneumonia are Mr. Hugh Hawthorne, instructor in both algebra and Euclid's theories, and Mrs. May Simon, teacher of French and Spanish. These two have been absent for more than two weeks, as it seems their "guests" are reluctant to leave.

Accidents have taken their toll on Shaker teachers. Mr. George Starr, *Gristmill* adviser and teacher of senior English, was involved in an automobile crash while traveling over the weekend of December 8. He is now recuperating in a Youngstown hospital, since the accident occurred near that city.

Shakerites Spend Vacations Visiting a Variety of Places

Attention, Shakerites! The facts in this article have been compiled for the special benefit of all those students who are in desperate need of ideas for what to do with themselves during the long, boring two weeks of Christmas vacation.

If you are unhappy about the prospect of spending 16 miserable days out of school, and shudder at the bleak thought of 384 monotonous hours without a thing to do, this article is for YOU! Read and discover how other Shakerites are planning to while away the 23,040 minutes of Christmas vacation. Who knows? You just might get some ideas.

At the top of the list is that large majority of students who feel the necessity of a change in climate. Getting on that ever popular bandwagon to Florida are: Judy Lubin, Rita Cook, Suzanne Markman, and Sheila Kaplan. Bonnie Cobert, Nancy Mitnick and Margie Abrams all hope to acquire their suntans in Atlanta, Georgia. (Or is it southern accents, girls?) Also doing some traveling is Gwen Daniels who will spend her vacation in Washington, D.C. (That's what we like to see—an interest in education even during vacation time!) and Cincinnati will get to see Christy Klein in her new formal.

Holiday parties will also be given to brighten those dreary two weeks. Barbara Dupont, Janet Mitchell, and Norita Wyse are planning a progressive party for the night of the annual Christmas alumni dance, and on Christmas Eve a party for her friends will be given by Joan Koerner.

Peggy Daus reports that she may attend the wedding of her brother, Ted—if his navy ship docks in time. Now, there's a wonderful idea for you Shakerites who have no plans for the vacation!

Neil Malamud is looking forward to the visit of his sister's college girlfriend, and Linda Cortell is anticipating spending her vacation in a new car of her own.

Hi-Y's make Christmas Merry for orphans

Hi-Y to Entertain Orphans At Christmas Get-Together

Fifty orphans from the Greater Cleveland area will be entertained over the Christmas holidays by the senior chapter of Hi-Y, when it conducts its fourth annual Orphans' Party at the Cleveland Heights YMCA.

On December 23, the children, aged six to eleven, will be given a chance to relax and to become acquainted with each other. Then, after being served refreshments, they will gather around the Christmas tree, where all will receive the gifts from Santa Claus, who will be portrayed by a senior boy. Afterwards, other Hi-Y members will display their varied talents to provide entertainment for all. Included in the program will be such headliners as Stan Rosewater, Magician Extraordinary.

The party will be sponsored by funds received from the All-School Skate, and the League of Women Voters, which employed Hi-Y boys to distribute pamphlets, describing candidates and issues, throughout Shaker Heights.

Every boy is bringing a date, and about thirty couples are expected to attend. Each couple will be responsible for entertainment of one or two children.

Fred Holzhauser, the club's faculty adviser, and Jim Petznick, the senior chapter president, have been working hard to buy the gifts and to provide a fun-making program. This is one of the highlights of the Hi-Y activities each year, and members are looking forward to it with special anticipation.

Certainly, if the children enjoy themselves half as much as their Hi-Y hosts do in entertaining them, the party will be a complete success.

Letter to the Editors

Dear Editors:

Shaker Heights High School believes that social and personal development are very important aspects of our program. It would be unfair to the students of this high school if the recent letter written to you by Warren Grossman complaining of teacher priority in the cafeteria went unanswered.

First of all: What is a democracy? I couldn't go to school when I wanted to or quit when I wanted to. I couldn't legally drive a car until I was 16. I couldn't vote until I was 21. While I was in the army, I stood up whenever a superior officer entered the room. I stand up whenever any parents of Shaker High students come in my office. I usually get up and offer my seat to a woman or elderly person on the rapid transit train. Not often enough but sometimes, I stop my car and let a vehicle out that is trapped in a driveway or side street and can't break into the main thoroughfare. I stand up when the superintendent or principal come in my office. Yet in spite of all these seeming impositions on my democratic way of life, I observe them because my teachers and parents had me develop a respect for people in authority, people who accept responsibility, people of more maturity and people that social standards believe should enjoy some privileges that are not necessarily extended to everyone. Rules of respect are not spelled out in any constitution but the fact that society observes rules of respect does not lead me to complain that I am not living in a democracy.

For those individuals who do not subscribe to the principle of respect, from the purely materialistic point of view, many teachers spend a good portion of their lunch period helping students in individual conferences. Time that teachers spend in lunch lines just won't be available for extra help to students. Many teachers attempt to go to the cafeteria early and some wait until the line has disappeared. I do believe that teachers might divide up and use both lunch lines rather than concentrate on the north line. And when five or six teachers come in at one time, they might spread out and have students mixed in between them. I have fallen in behind four students at the line thinking that four people made no difference only to have a teacher come in and go around me. If that teacher felt that it was that urgent to get served I respect his or her judgment. A person who has failed to develop respect will find many causes to complain and will have difficulty adjusting to the social and moral code of our democracy.

Sincerely,
Albert Senft

"What are you doing New Year's?"

"New Year's Eve"

Cleveland Supplies the Fun For Shakerites on the Run

Flying to Florida for a fun and sun-filled week or two during Christmas Vacation? If so, the ensuing paragraph will be of no interest to you. But, on the other hand, if you're remaining in Cleveland and have ever thought during a vacation, "There's nothing to do today," you may gain valuable ideas from this list of theatrical performances, movies and sports events in downtown Cleveland during Christmas vacation.

Drama and Music Lovers

Play House

Euclid-77th—*Bus Stop*, a lively and highly entertaining comedy.

Drury—Dec. 19, *Ponder Heart*, a hilarious comedy.

Brooks—Dec. 27, *Murder Mistaken*, a thrilling murder mystery.

Prices: $2.00 weekdays, $2.50 Saturdays. (Tickets can be purchased at Burrows downtown.)

Karamu

Proscenium — *Mr. Johnson*, a drama with some dancing and singing.

Arena—*Amahl and the Night Visitors*, an enjoyable musical.

Prices: $1.50 weekdays, $1.75 Friday and Saturday.

Hanna

Dec. 25, *The Chalk Garden*, a comedy starring Judith Anderson.

Dec. 31, *Will Success Spoil Red Hunter*, a comedy starring Eddie Bracken.

Music Hall

Dec. 29 only. University of Pennsylvania's Mask and Wig Show, a musical with all-male cast.

Cinema Fans

Palace—"Cinerama," the only showing in the eastern half of the United States.

Loew's State — "The Ten Commandments," Cecil B. DeMille's highly praised production.

Hippodrome—Dec. 21, "Bundle of Joy," starring Eddie Fisher and Debbie Reynolds.

Alums Deck Halls At Fancy Cotillion

'Twas three nights before Christmas. The girls looked like a million.
They were all ready for the "Christmas Cotillion."
They wore their stockings and dressed with care,
For Christmas at Shaker is a gala affair.

And what a night Saturday, December 22, promises to be! Shakerites will dance to the enchanting music of Wendell Tracy's seven-piece orchestra from 8:30 p.m. until 12. Even Santa Claus, impersonated by Lou Body, will make an appearance.

The dance is being sponsored by the Social Council and organized by the following hard-working committee chairmen: Joyce Zucker and Linda Kahn, entertainment; Buck Ellsworth, refreshments; Betsy Jones and George Donahower, publicity; Jim Warburton, tickets; and Joyce Neiditz, decorations.

Refreshments will be served from 10 to 10:30, and then the entertainment will begin. The theme of the program is a "Sleigh Ride" with Roger McArt acting as M. C. Among the illustrious performers are singer Pat Murphy; the Mimi Bookatz, Joyce Zucker, David Nagusky and Kip Cohen quartet; the Ivy Leaguers (Lloyd Baccus, Dick Goldberg, John McChord, and Fred Ernst), an act with Spence Kramer, Jim Plavcan, and Mike Partington, the Bobby Luria and Adrie Price dance team, and two surprise alum acts including celebrities Vic Samuelson and Dick Morris. The price is only $1.50 for this outstanding occasion.

Children of Faculty Given Xmas Party

Sparking this spirited snowy season was the Faculty-Family Christmas party held Wednesday, December 19, from 3:30 to 5:00 in the gym and social room.

As they entered, faculty youngsters received party hats supplied by the art department. Social Council members found the child each had adopted and accompanied their charges to see jovial Lou Body disguised as Santa, and his helper, Larry Edelman.

Next came the entertainment, customarily a musical program plus a kiddies' delight. The sextet, whose members are Kathy Brunner, Sally Gould, Linda Michie, Louise Rose, Judy Warriner, and Sandy Powell, sang for the party while ventriloquist Bob Shapiro and his dummy supplied the comedy. Jon Shaw added the magical touch.

After the children had received their balloons provided by the Social Council, they paraded around the gym. Then the boys and girls lined up to receive presents from Santa, which had been donated by the PTA. The PTA also supplied dixie cups for the children and other refreshments for the adults. Home economics classes made and fancy cookies which were served with the other party fare at the close of the evening.

Faculty members' children of all ages, Social Council members, and faculty members all seemed to enjoy equally Santa Claus and the Christmas party.

Shaker's '59ers by Harriet and Dick

Well, Christmas vacation is finally here. We want to wish you a Merry Christmas and hope you take advantage of these seventeen days of freedom.

PLANS FOR CHRISTMAS

Lois Cowan, Judy Schaul, Dick Mantel, Ian Gordon, and **Bruce Pollack** are planning to go to New York via the school trip.

Harvey Kumin will be heading for Texas to spend his vacation. And as we freeze here in Cleveland **Bill Marshall** will be basking in the sun in the Bahamas while **Sheila Kaplan, Louise Angel,** and **Jeff Cole** will return with just as good tans from Florida.

HEARD IN PASSING:

A new addition has been added to our class by the name of **Jeff Schwartz.** Jeff hails from Heights High.

Eric Carson: "I don't mind English; it's the work I don't like."

Sandi Obstgarten bit into a very wormy apple at lunch.

Spencer Schaffer's luck ran out. He bet on the Oklahoma-Plainfield Teacher's Football Game with a 4 touch-down spot—and he lost.

Tony Piazza and **Dick Veinott** have been bombarding **Lee Sanson** with snowballs during English Class.

Lucky **Dave Beeson**—he hasn't been allowed to talk for two weeks because of a sore throat.

"Would anyone like to buy a chocolate bar?—only 50c."

Jane Udelf and **Harrie Speyer** threw a very surprising surprise party for **Anita Breen** and **Nancy Loeser.**

Congratulations to our JayVee basketball squad which opened its season by trouncing Brush, 81 to 50.

An episode of accidents has broken out among the sophomores. Among the "cast and bandage" boys are **Bob Gould, Al Cohn, Barry Handon, Barry Fishman,** and **Dick Silver.**

May we leave you with this pleasant thought which we're quite sure you'll have in mind the day before vacation ends:

CALL OF THE NIGHT OWL

'Tis the day before the deadline,
I've no time to cavort,
I have to study hard to do
My blasted lab report!

Le Cercle Francais Chante Les Chanson

France makes a great festival of the Christmas season. Booths along the streets display sweets, toys, and novelties for weeks before Christmas. In some villages the children carry a little candle-lighted *creche* (manger scene) through the streets while they sing carols and gather pennies.

On Christmas Eve, the children expect *Pere Noel* (Father Christmas or Santa Claus) to fill their shoes with candy, toys, and "yummy" French pastries.

Meanwhile, back at Shaker Heights High School, the French Club welcomed the Christmas season with similar festivities at its last meeting, Wednesday, December 5. Linda Kahn, president of the French Club, directed the Girls' Sextet in singing a program of French Christmas carols. Phyllis Kaplan was the piano accompanist.

The refreshments were as decorative as the Christmas season itself, and all members were welcome to the artistic French *petits gateaux*, or cupcakes, decorated with French flags. Since *Pere Noel* was very busy at the North Pole, he sent his best helpers to distribute candy canes as *petits cadeaux* among the French Club members, who are anxiously awaiting a visit from Pere Noel himself next Monday night.

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Shaker Sponsors Four Candidates; 'Convention Attention' Excites All

Regardless of whether Shakerites were backing Adlai or Ike in the recent election, they all were united in their wholehearted support of The Four Candidates.

Shaker's Four Candidates discuss next campaign.

Late last August marked the start of the political careers of Pete Bergman, Jerry Winninger, Bob Fisher, and Bruce Berger, inspired by the recently-released recordings, *Flying Saucers*, and *UFO*. After arriving at the conclusion that the four of them were not musically gifted, the boys decided upon a satire on the national conventions, dubbing recording voices such as those of Elvis Presley and Don Cornell. Their theme was timely, due to the approaching elections, and also unusual enough to catch the nation's attention. Instead of composing a script and thereupon submitting that for judgment, the four boys recorded their ideas directly on tape and presented them to Carl Reese. WERE's disk jockey immediately approved it; however, the tape was aged and the voices scarcely audible.

After a session of rewriting and retaping *Convention Attention*, WERE summoned Buddy Zellman of Buddy Records, who made several corrections and changes. With the aid of miscellaneous weird sounds from the WERE record library, the disk was taped, recorded, and Buddy Records released it for national distribution.

The Four Candidates now possess a two-year record contract with Buddy Records, according to the agreement that a record will be cut every ninety days. The next step in the careers of these famous Shakerites is possibly a hilarious, rib-tickling take-off on "Elvis the Pelvis." Pete Bergman's talents are not limited to dubbing records, for he and Mike Partington have composed and published a song, *Big as a Mountain*, which Harry Belafonte is considering as a possible release.

Great White Way to Welcome Shakerites

Early on the morning of December 26, approximately fifty Shaker students will board a train which will carry them to New York City for five fun-packed days of sightseeing, including going to the hit Broadway plays *Damn Yankee* and *Mr. Wonderful*.

After traveling all day in their own private coach, the Shaker sight-seers will disembark in the big city and check in at the Hotel New Yorker. On the following morning they will go on a lecture tour of lower Manhattan, including a Staten Island Ferry ride, the Statue of Liberty, Wall Street, and many other famous sights. On the next day they will take a lecture tour of upper Manhattan, with the United Nations, Columbia University, and Grant's Tomb on the itinerary. That evening they will visit various television shows and Times Square.

On Saturday, December 29, they will see the Empire State Building and Radio City Music Hall, with another play that evening. Sunday will be a free day for additional sightseeing and visiting areas of special interest.

This will be the third New York trip during Christmas vacation sponsored by Robert Morris, Dean of Boys, and Fred Heinlen, Director of Athletics. They will act as chaperones along with Miss Jean Rowlands of the Girls' Physical Education Department and Mrs. Morris.

Al Rosen, Guest Speaker, Talks on Safe Driving

To promote safer and better driving for teen-agers, the Cleveland Automobile Club sponsors a number of assemblies during the school year at various schools in Greater Cleveland and in the suburbs.

Two speakers, Mr. Robert Abersold, field representative of the Cleveland Automobile Club, and Mr. Al Rosen, Cleveland Indian third baseman, spoke in our senior high auditorium, December 6, to help teen-agers follow the rules of safe driving for themselves and others.

The assembly, entitled "Word of Honor," was built upon the teen-ager's personal pledge for better driving to his parents, and the rules which must be followed.

A film was shown to promote the driving pledge, and the rules of the pledge were discussed.

For Seniors Who Are Panicked Here's Special Help on S.A.T.'s

As a student service, the Shakerite has compiled a list of practice questions and answers for seniors taking College Board Examinations. The Shakerite has been assisted in this senior service by Professor Follage Pollage of Rollage College (the doctor is Professor of Knowledge at Rollage College).

FRENCH

Q. What is the difference between "madame" and "mademoiselle"?

A. "Monsieur."

Q. Translate "It's snowing down South."

A. "Pardon me, miss, but your quelque chose."

PHYSICS

Q. A motorist was 100 yards from an open railway crossing, tearing along at 63.79 m.p.h. A train, chugging down the tracks at 63.78 m.p.h. was an equal distance from the intersection. Did the motorist get across?

A. Sure—in the cemetery.

LATIN (This question was taken directly from the 1955 mid-term exams)

Q. Did Jason plant molars, bicuspids or wisdom teeth in the terra firma?

A. Dr. Dilley and Miss Blair still haven't come up with the answer. Historians claim that Jason's tongue got caught over his eye-tooth so he couldn't see what he was planting.

Q. What was finally produced from Jason's unusual garden? a) elephant tusks; b) incisors; c) cavities; d) fillings; e) none of the above.

A. e.

MODERN HISTORY

Q. How did the Alps get their name?

A. A party of cockneys got lost in the Swiss mountains one weekend. For two days and nights they kept shouting, "'Alp, 'alp!"

PORTUGUESE JAZZ

Q. What happened to the horn player whose toupee fell into his instrument?

A. He spent the whole night blowing his top.

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT (labor problems)

Q. What did the employer shout when he learned that his employees who were all on strike had contracted chicken-pox?

A. "My picket has been pocked!"

WORD RELATIONSHIPS

Q. Are the following relationships between the two following word groups the same or opposite?

a) Chicken : mud :: pizza : chair

b) niddering : ossein :: saltarello : lytta

A. Samosite.

SPELLING

Q. It has been modernly accepted to spell the condition of the atmosphere w-e-a-t-h-e-r. However, what is the grammatically perfect way of spelling this word?

A. W-h-a-e-t-i-o-u-r. (That certainly is the worst spell of weather we've had in a long time.)

HEALTH

Q. If a baby swallowed a quarter, a dime, and a penny, what would his condition be in 16 hours?

A. There probably wouldn't be any change.

Q. Is it possible, while stranded in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, to live for 16 days on one can of sardines?

A. It's possible, if you don't fall off.

BIOLOGY

Q. Who brings the little rosebuds to the green earth?

A. The stalk.

Q. What did the termite say before he told a joke to his friends?

A. "This will bring down the house."

PHILOSOPHY

Q We all know of the works of Sigmund Freud. Who was his equally famous brother?

A. French.

ADVANCED ALGEBRA

You should find this formula sure fire for S.A.T.'s.

x = girl
y = boy
z = chaperone
x + 2y = jealousy
2x + y = quarrel
x + y + z = misery
x + y — z = happiness

ANCIENT HISTORY

Q. Why should pessimists remember the story of Jonah?

A. When he was down in the mouth he came out all right.

VOCABULARY

Those of you who have studied **Word Wealth** have found some of the meanings rather ambiguous. So we have taken the trouble of writing to Webster (Jake Webster) asking him to clarify these definitions:

audible — Shaker's football queen and king.

according—a musical instrument.

accrue—the men who row a racing boat.

denizen—a college 20 miles north of Columbus.

buccaneer — the present price of corn.

candid—a type of apple we eat during Halloween.

motley—a former fullback on the Browns' eleven.

demeanor—the comparative form of mean (i.e. He was demeanor of de two boys).

disperse—a specific handbag, not to be confused with datperse.

reticent—a lack of money (i.e. I don't have one reticent).

since—a series of wrong-doings.

olfactories—places where they make ols.

We hope these questions will aid you in your studying. Please be at the high school on Saturday morning at 8:30 on January 12 for the College Boreds.

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Read If You Wanna

By Bonnie and Donna

Students shout, "School is done with,
We have two weeks to have fun with."
A beautiful thought
That we won't be taught
While playing on our Christmas holiday.

Teachers smile, they're happy, too,
Since they'll have a rest from YOU.
A beautiful sight,
We're all right
For vacation starts, and so we leave school today.

Parties and dances galore,
Skating, tobogganning, and lots more.
It will be really great,
You may even have a date.
Let's hope the boys have jobs so they can pay.

New Year's Eve should be the greatest.
It's the night we stay out latest.
At midnight we'll have a ball.
The New Year's kiss is the best of all.
And we'll all recuperate on New Year's Day.

Christmas decorations are up. The world is once more red and green. Christmas has come to Shaker. Already planning holiday festivities are **Judy S. Stark, Martha Hosler, Eric Balderson,** and **Paula Farnsworth. Marian Black** is going all out by having a Christmas formal. Some of the senior girls are having a pot-luck lunch. And we can't forget the Christmas Cotillion, which ought to be lots of fun.

THE GRAPEVINE SPEAKS

Resting from college weekends were **Barbara Dupont, Sandy Reese, Fern Rogoff, Janet Mitchell, Jane Cahn, Jane Glick, Barbara Sacks, Judy Sload,** and **Bonnie Krenitz.** Dr. Dilley's students enjoyed a Cerialia celebration of cake and grapejuice. The girls in Mr. Kuechle's seventh period geometry class are wondering who the handsome stranger was sitting in the back of the room.

Skating has become a new Shaker fad with the opening of Northfield Plaza.

Many Shakerites had fun at a party given by **Linda Kaplow, Ellen Klein, Harriet Hepner,** and **Helen Snyder.**

Sally Price, George Donahower, Karin Loverud, and **Curt Telzrow** have learned to appreciate applesauce after trying to can their own.

Sue Weber received a gash in her forehead from running into a can opener. Was **Tom Shaw** chasing her?

Sue Markman, Myrna London, and **Loretta Roth** have learned to appreciate gallant gentlemen like **Bill Blanca** and **Joe Kral** who came to their rescue when they were trying to fix a flat tire.

Shakerites will soon be welcoming home for the holidays Shaker Alumni. Some of those welcoming brothers and sisters are: **Kathy Herron** greets brother **Eddie** from Lehigh; **Jack Houser** and **Tom Adler** await their brothers **Jim** from Dartmouth; **Dede Wolland** will fight for the use of the T-bird with sister **Beth** from Purdue; **Ken Dery** can't wait to borrow **Jim's** new "Brown" clothes; **Nancy Goldman** awaits her conquering hero, sister **Sue** from Michigan; **Little Seido** will be glad when **Big Seido** gets out of the "Penn"; **Spence Kramer** will contest frater **Dick** for the blondest hair; and **Ellen Sherby, Jane Glick, Jack Miller** and **Bob Meyer** will all meet the Wellesley train to greet les Soeurs **Ann, Linda, Mary,** and **Kathy.**

QUOTABLE QUOTES

Liz Gould was asked if she were one of the three cheerleaders who presented **Mr. MacKeigan** with a birthday cake. She naively answered the question, "Did you partly give Mr. MacKeigan a cake?" by "No, we gave him the whole thing!"

Mr. MacKeigan's first surprise party occurred when he realized his first period class didn't give him one. All his other classes (periods three, four, six, and seven) celebrated le monsieur's 25th birthday with cakes, cookies, punch, soft drinks, games and poems. Mr. Mac's last birthday wish was probably not to have another birthday for ten years.

Santa Claus to Reign At Decorating Party

Santa Claus and his able assistant Twinkle Toes will reign at the all-school decorating party today at 3:30 p.m.

The annual party will be held for decorating the Social Room and Girls' Gym for the Christmas holidays. Besides trimming the traditional tree, decorations will be put up for the Christmas Cotillion, which will be held tomorrow night.

The merry Spirits of Christmas will be Lou Body as Santa Claus, and Larry Edelman as Twinkle Toes. Refreshments will be served at the Snack Bar, under the management of Buck Ellsworth.

FiveGiveThoughts On College Boards

Every year a large percentage of Shaker seniors take the Scholastic Aptitude Test. These tests are given to see whether the student has the scholastic ability to do college work. Recently, five Shaker students along with Albert Senft, Mrs. Sarah Brammer, Miss Gladys Burgess, and Russell Rupp went to Kent State University for a discussion of this test.

The discussion was held before a group of approximately 75 people, including guidance counselors, psychologists, and teachers from all of Northeastern Ohio. The representatives from Shaker went down to Kent State and, after a hearty dinner at the union, gathered in the lecture hall for the meeting.

First, Mr. Rupp spoke on the history of the Scholastic Aptitude Test, and then Mr. Senft gave his ideas on the formation of a testing center. Emilie Stark, Bill Atkinson, Linda Beamer, Bob Andrews, and Roger McArt formed the panel for discussion of student reactions to Scholastic Aptitude Tests.

With Roger as their moderator each member of the panel presented a three to five-minute speech on the topic. The speech discussed what the type of questions were asked, gave advice on how to take the test and pointed out the students reactions before, during, and after the test.

Roger told mainly about the English Achievement Test. He mentioned that there was no literature, but mainly grammar, essay, interpretive questions, and poetry. Emilie Stark in discussing the English section of the Scholastic Aptitude Test mentioned the reading comprehension analogy, and sentence completion. She said that many students felt brainwashed when they completed the test.

Bob Andrews, who spoke on the Physics Achievement Test, gave an interesting report, for he had taken his test at an American high school in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Linda Beamer talked on the Mathematics section on of the Scholastic Aptitude Test. She emphasized that the test covered aptitude rather than achievement and described several of the questions. She said one should study only if he feels it gives him confidence.

The Mathematics Achievement Test was discussed by Bill Atkinson.

Faculty to Celebrate Holiday Vacation in Different Ways

In case you have been wondering, Shakerites, your teachers **don't** spend every vacation dreaming about new ways to flunk you and your friends nor is their holiday spent only in writing those "delightful" surprise quizzes.

During the coming vacation, most of the faculty and their families will remain here in Cleveland to celebrate the Christmas holidays. Among these "Cleveland cold weather lovers" are Russell Rupp and his family, Mr. and Mrs. John Harbourt, Frederick Dixon, Miss Barbara Hlavin, Reynold Ellis, Kenyon Cramer, Mrs. Barbara MacCampbell, who is moving to Maine, where her husband will teach at the University of Maine, January 29, and Mrs. Margaret Fruehan, who will be entertaining guests.

"Deck the Halls"

Also in Ohio will be Albert Senft in Cincinnati, and Miss Lucille Burkett in Columbus, both visiting relatives.

Some members of the faculty will spend the Christmas holiday in states near Ohio. Dale Kittle will be seeing relatives both in Wisconsin and Illinois, Mrs. Sarah Brammer in Indiana, Miss Nancy Hollister in Wisconsin, and George Starr in Pennsylvania.

Enjoying Southern hospitality and warm weather will be Dr. M. Evelyn Dilley, sight-seeing in Florida, Paul Stark, attending a meeting in Fort Lauderdale, and Miss Grace Graham, visiting friends in Atlanta, Georgia.

To our east, the snow will still find Miss Alma Bowen, visiting her family in New Jersey, Kelly Danford, viewing plays in New York City, and Miss Rose Bannaian, also in New York, attending the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America.

Shaker Teacher Grades C.E.E.B.'s

Recently, English teacher Burton Randall was chosen by the Educational Testing Service to go to Princeton, New Jersey, to grade essay questions written by students from all over the country.

The College Entrance Examinations Board asked Principal Russell Rupp, a member of the Board, to choose a representative from Shaker because of the large number of Shaker students who take this test yearly.

Mr. Randall during his week at Princeton was Reader of College Board English Composition Tests. Along with 13 other teachers, he read and evaluated essays of top students throughout the United States. Through this experience he learned more specifically where emphasis in teaching English composition should be placed.

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Shakerites Disclose Xmas Wishes to Old Saint Nick

Carol Friedman

Remember when you were younger, how you used to write your letters faithfully to Old Saint Nick in hopes that you would have your wishes fulfilled? Perhaps some of you have younger brothers or sisters who are now doing the same thing.

Shaker's guys and gals have much the same thoughts during this Yuletide season as other boys and girls all over the world. Yes, the lists are long, and expectations great, and Santa ought to have a real delivery job in store for him!

Speaking of the dear old gent, a foot-weary Shakerite reporter tracked Santa down one day early in December and asked him whether he thought that the Shaker students had original and worthwhile gift ideas. Santa showed this reporter some of the letters he received from Shakerites. Here is part of the information that the reporter gathered from those letters.

Some Shakerites, always thinking of their stomachs, desire various goodies. For instance, **Jon Shaw** wants a **"lolly"** pop, **Judy Stark** would be happy with one small basket of **"herbs,"** and **Ken Dettelbach** would like to receive a **"barbie"** cue. If he gets his wish he plans to invite **Bruce Olderman** over for a **"ham"**burger **dinner.** They will perhaps serve the meal from **Bobby Wilkoff's "chuck"**-wagon.

Ellen Sherby swears she wants a creamy milk chocolate band bar in her stocking, while **Jon Krupnick** wants to sell 7,000 band bars so he can win all the gift certificates.

Movie-minded student **Glen Golenberg** hopes for "Tea and Sympathy" after exams, and **Barb Helper** says she could stand a "Solid Gold Cadillac," while **Marcie Falb** and **Alice Rogan** would be contented with just a couple of solid gold licenses. **Lee Yearley** wants a complete set of the works of Voltaire. (Turning intellectual, **Lee?**)

As always, Shaker has its share of transportation-happy boys and girls. **Doug Wolfe** day dreams of owning an MG, **Curt Telzrow** wants a **"rose"** red Jaguar, and **Dave Clark** wants a new motorcycle, but all **Bruce Cole** wants is a pair of fully-recuperated legs so he can walk from place to place!

Linda Franzen would like a clock radio under her tree so she can get to school early, and **Marilyn Leavitt**, following the wish of some of last year's senior boys, hopes she'll find a male harem around her Christmas tree.

Hard-working students like **Merle Nathons** and **Leta Clark** would like jobs in the Ice Capades, while **Jim Jung** wants a jeep-plow so he can shovel the white stuff to bring in the green stuff.

Florida bound, **Nancy Kingman** wants a red and white (Shaker colors) bikini bathing suit. **Ted Woodbridge** would love to receive an aqualung, while **Paul Switzer** wants a pair of water wings.

Thinking toward the future, **Myrna London** would like acceptance into college (what senior wouldn't?), and **Barb Hallett** wants to postpone exams indefinitely. **Nancy Stern** would like to receive twenty legitimate lunch-line cuts. **Adrie Price** has a novel idea—she wants a longer school day! (All lunch periods, of course).

Pat Tenbeau, unable to think of anything she really wanted, decided that she does not want another geometry test on parallel lines, but **Janey Glick** desires more math courses added to Shaker's curriculum.

Seth Harris figures his present should be gift-wrapped, 5 feet 5 inches, and blonde, while **Cinn Thomas** would like a tall, dark, handsome Santa Claus to bring her a geometry pony.

Many Shakerites are animal lovers like **Judy Ostlund,** who wants a nice big, soft, cuddly, teddy bear; **Larry Freeman,** who claims he has led a neglected life, wants a rocking horse or a monkey, and **Carol Crowley** longs for a shaggy Saint Bernard, while **Carol Fox,** who isn't particular, wants a dog of the Heinz 57 varieties type. **Norita Wyse** and **Kay Wolf** would like a couple of Yale bulldogs.

Clothes-minded **Marion Colton** would like a whole new wardrobe, **Jill Gerson** wants a pair of boots without holes in them, **Joann Comella** would like a U.S. sweater, while **Sandi Powell** would like a "cashmere Christmas." **Dave Richards** wants a pair of pink pajamas with blue suede cuffs, and **Betsy Hawes** would like some wild argyles.

Dan Jonas would like Santa to bring him a tape recorder. Tidy **Jim May** is obviously a wonderful housekeeper, for he would like a **"Hoover"** vacuum cleaner. All

"Down through the chimney"

Bob Meyer wants is a good joke.

Appearance-conscious **Larry Edelman** and **Leslie Royce** want their braces removed, so their two front teeth can show. **John Disanto** would like a mustache, **Midge Sheppard** would like Elvis for Christmas, and **Armand Aghajanian** says that just Elvis's sideburns would be enough for him!

"The big M" (and not the Mercury) is at the top of **Dick Desberg's** and **Mark Greenbaum's** lists. **Judy Abrams** would like one of those things called the boy friend, and **Lois Cowan** wants a stockingful of them, while **Carolyn Richards** wants some dates.

In order to keep in tiptop shape, **Chuck Frankel** and **Bob West** would like to have indoor tracks built under their homes. **Paula Bodwell** wants nothing special for herself, but she hopes that **Dick Balazs** will get the basketball he's been hoping for.

After peeking at the lists of some of Shaker's faculty members, the previously-mentioned Shakerite reporter collected these little-known facts.

Mr. Kuechle would like an electronic brain that is guaranteed to grades sixty geometry tests in twelve minutes. **Mr. Vogeli** would like to open up an extra book store in the main hall that stocks all largely-in-demand articles that the other book store doesn't have. A coke machine, envelopes, Scotch tape, sponges (to throw in after exams), and old insect collections would be a few of the wanted items.

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Please Notify Miss Hollister

Monsieur MacKeigan would like more people to laugh at his jokes, and **Mr. Bristol** wants a box of "Battle Ribbon Band—Aids," preferably in the new 1957 two-tone color combos.

Healthy **Bob Roth,** who is feeling just great, would like one day to go by in which people would say to him, "Gee, **Bob,** you look terrific!" **Mickey Rocker** would like to see Ivy League clothing go out of style, but swimming leader **Suzy Slavin** hopes to see tank suits with belted backs in the locker room next year.

The **"Judies," Greenberger** and **Kramer,** would like five golden rings, four calling birds, three French hens, two turtle doves, and a partridge in a pear tree!

So as the days slip quickly toward Christmas, may you all be good and receive everything you desire.

Christmas Is Made Brighter for Many

"Do unto others as you would like them to do unto you." This might well be the motto of the service committees of the Y-Teen Club. Since school started this year the committees have been planning ways in which they can be of service to their school and their community.

Volunteers from the club work behind the counter in the cafeteria. Y-Teen girls served refreshments at the Alumni Day. The club also sponsors a dance in the spring.

The sophomores under the direction of their service chairman, Nancy Stark, are planning to give a variety show for the patients at Sunny Acres.

The juniors, headed by Irene Stifel, are giving a Christmas party for the children at the Cleveland Fresh Air Camp. They plan to entertain them, serve refreshments, and have a visit from Santa Claus who will pass out presents made by the club.

Valerie Mihalka will take the senior service committee to Highland View Hospital to decorate and to sing carols. The decorations were made by the senior chapter.

Look and See With Peter B.

Jingle bells, jingle bells,
Jingle all the way.
Riding in the snow is cold,
If you forget to bring a sleigh.

With prices as they are today, Christmas shopping is becoming very painful. Transportation is expensive enough. Yesterday I went into a gas station and asked for a dollar's worth of gas. They sprayed it in my face.

I have compiled a short list of surefire gifts for the family.

For baby—A year's subscription to Hot Rod Magazine
For brother—A doll (5 ft. 3, blonde, etc.)
For sister—A boxer (the two or four-legged variety)
For father—All the Shepherd's Pie he can eat.
For mother—Those paratrooper boots she's been hinting about.

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Take heed all you sinners within a three-mile radius of Reidham Road. Phil Carl has almost completed his 200-power telescope. To quote Phil, "I'm watching ye."

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Overseas Department

This week we bring you the report from our despondent correspondent in Russia, Ivan Awfulkof.

"Season's greetings, capitalistic swine. I hope you are all enjoying a very merry Christmas (another glorious Russian invention). Christmas has never been the same since Santa Claus was purged from the party. Once in a while you do see some carefree disillusioned child come skipping down the street singing a popular Russian song like: 'I'm Dreaming of a Red Christmas,' or 'Come to Me My Malinkofy Baby' or possibly, 'How You Going to Keep Them Down on the Collective Farm After They've Seen Mark Paree?'"

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Mr. Question and Answer Man

Q. Dear Mr. Question and Answer Man: What is wrong with Shaker's Paragon of physical fitness—Nay Sanna? Usually he is as cheerful and happy as a new-born baby, but recently he has been looking terrible. How cum?

A. Well, it's this way. Nay and his brother are worrying about their butcher shop. It has to do with the hot dogs—they can't seem to make both ends meat.

Q. I am a sophomore and I have never taken a final exam. I asked a friend if they were hard and she said yes. I believe my friend for she is a teacher. Could you show me a sample question?

A. I'd be glad to. Here is one of the easier ones that appeared on an algebra exam.

Ethel is twice as old as her younger brother. In 5 years Ethel's sister will be 17 years older than her aunt. Ethel's mother has been 29 for the last 6 years.

(From the information given above, answer these questions.)

a) What has Mary got that only her dentist will tell her about?
b) What position does Mary play on the football team?
c) Why wasn't Ethel drafted?
d) How does Batman do it?

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Ken's Comments
By Ken Koblitz

In the midst of the winter season, this column would like to bestow a few well earned bouquets upon certain members of our 1956 football team.

Congratulations to Billy German and Roger McArt for their being chosen for the Cleveland News All-Scholastic team and also the All Lake Erie League squad. Billy also made the Press honor squad and was named for honorable mention on the International News Service "All-State" team. It is this reporter's opinion, along with three professional journalists, that "number 20" was first-team material, but his publicity wasn't equal to that of the southern Ohio boys. Regardless, we want to pay a final tribute to the guy who gave us many a thrill for three years and wish him lots of luck, and many more touchdowns.

The same goes for Mark Perry, who, along with McArt, did most of Billy's blocking. Mark was badly underrated, but we know that "Aho" will make up for it this March in the Columbus Natatorium. Go get 'em "God."

Speaking of swimming, it appears as though we have another powerhouse at Shaker. Along with "Kingfish" Perry, Ralph Waldo, Tom Shaw, Jack Houser and Eric Larson look good in the freestyle, where we are strongest. Lakewood is also loaded, as we saw last Friday. The league meet ought to be really close. Don't miss it!

Turning to "round-ball," our boys are having rough going in a tough league, but no one questions their desire and fight, and knowing Doug Ganim as I do, I can say Shakerites are in for an exiting season, because Captain Doug is a real scrapper, and it will rub off on the boys, whenever the going gets rough.

Led by Captain Jack Freund, this year's wrestling team shows promise of making a strong bid for its first L.E.L. title. Strongest in the heavier weights, the Raiders will be tougher as the year progresses and the lighter men gain experience and prowess under Zip Zednik's expert guidance.

Shaker rooters are in for an exciting winter season and this writer knows from experience that the boys will appreciate your support both morally and vocally. Let's see you all in the gym and the pool balcony rooting for the Raiders, win, lose or draw, at home or away. You'll be glad you did!

Tech Nips Matmen In Season Opener

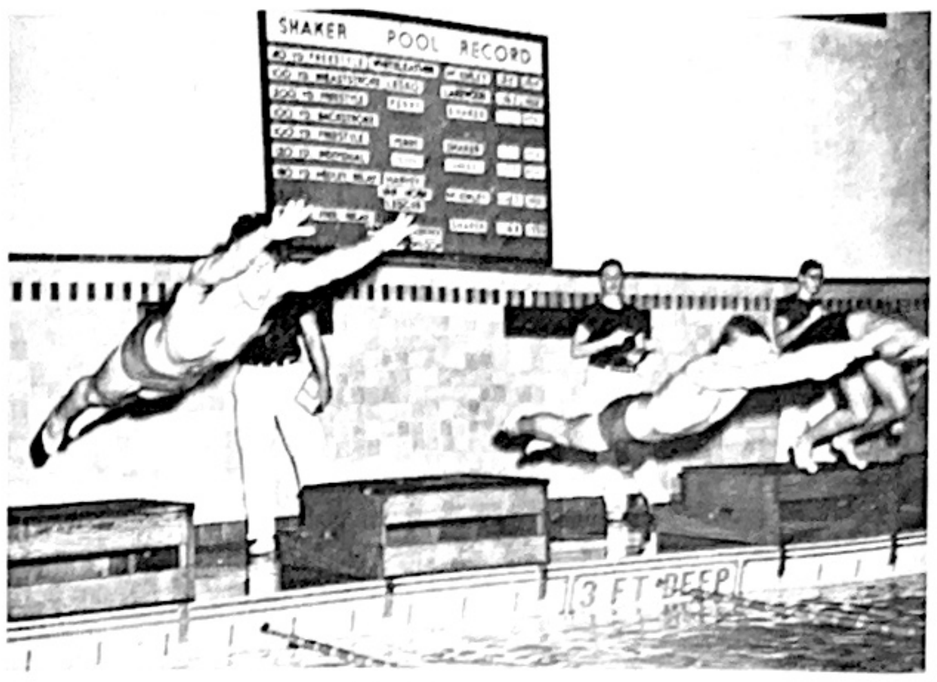
The Shaker varsity wrestling team, led by Captain Jack Freund, opened its 1956-57 season on December 6. The meet, held at West Tech, was hard fought by both sides. After an exciting match between even teams, West Tech emerged triumphant, 22-21.

Of the eleven Shaker wrestlers in the meet five were victorious. The winners representing the 112, 127, 133, 154, and 165 pound weight classes were respectively: Boldizar by a decision, Amato by a decision, Jaffe by a pin, Freund by a pin, and Jurek by a pin.

Coach Zednik says that West Tech is one of Shaker's toughest opponents, and taking that into consideration, Shaker did a fine job. He also stated that the defeat stemmed primarily from fundamental mistakes in technique.

Another fact that he brought up was the toughness of the first few meets of the season. He thinks that if Shaker comes through favorably in its next two meets against John Adams and Bedford, the team can expect a fairly good season.

The outcome of the JayVee meet was much brighter than that of the varsity. They defeated West Tech 36-8. Led by Paul Henning the JayVees scored the type of victory we can expect often.



Tom Shaw and Ralph Waldo swim for Shaker.

Mermen Splash Past Cardinals In Exhibition of Depth and Power

In their first meet of the season, Shaker's defending league swimming team drowned Shaw, 66-9, in the Raiders' pool.

In the first event, the 40-yard freestyle, Tom Shaw of the Raiders won and Bill Steehler placed third. In the 100-yard freestyle, Ralph Waldo and Tom Shaw gave the Red and White a one-two finish, as did Eric Larsen and Jack Houser in the 200-yard freestyle.

Captain Mark Perry won two events, breaking a record in one and coming close in another. The record shattering occurred in the 100-yard breaststroke, as Perry turned in a 1:06:9 clocking to break the school record and come within four tenths of a second of the pool record.

In the 100-yard backstroke, Bob Metz and Tom Prior took the top two places for Shaker, and Prior's time, in turn, was beaten by JayVee Bob Mayer who moves up to the varsity as a result.

Shaker's divers swept all honors, as Jerry Rosenthal and Randy Kennedy finished in that order.

To close the afternoon, both relay teams were victorious. The medley relay was composed of Bob Metz, Bob Markey, Bruce Harper, and Ralph Waldo. Shaker's ever-strong 160-yard freestyle relay was manned by Eric Larsen, Bill Hallet, Bill Steehler, and Jack Houser.

The JayVees were also triumphant, 63-12, taking first in every event. Winners were: Dave Beeson, Ed Jeffries, Dick Bell, Bob Mayer, Bill Metz, Paul Switzer, Mike Wolland, and both relays.

Tomorrow, the Raiders go after the Euclid Relays championship in the Euclid High pool. Starting time is 1:30. See you there!

Hoopsters Edge Past Brush Arcs, Lose to Lakewood's Tall Rangers

John Smith

After nipping a hard-fighting Brush quintet in a real thriller 53-51, Shaker's basketball five were soundly walloped 91-36 at the hands of the extra-tall Lakewood Rangers in their Lake Erie League debut at Lakewood.

In their initial outing against Brush High's Arcs, the Raiders, trailed at halftime 25-20. Soon after the third period's start, however, they caught fire and at the period's close led by five markers, 44-39. The score stood knotted at 51 all with two minutes remaining, but the Raiders had a 53-51 win as the final buzzer sounded.

The following week, Shaker's starting five boasted two new faces, sophomore Dick Balazs, instrumental in the JayVees' rout of Brush 81-50 the wek before, and Junior Chuck Schlam, a late turnout, who had won starting berths.

Against Lakewood's Rangers, Shaker's hoopsters played an excellent defensive game throughout the first quarter, but discovered themselves on the short end 13-8 as the second quarter began.

From the outset of this period Lakewood's quintet showed why they expect to be league champions, sinking long shots, rebounding mightily and tipping in rebounds. With less than four minutes remaining Tom Jackson, Shaker's last defense against Lakewood's wall of height, fouled out and Lakewood began to romp, leading 38-18 at halftime.

During the second half with their rebounding at a standstill and shooting erratic, there was little the Raiders could do against a team averaging three inches taller than themselves and hitting on 60% of its shots. The final score bore this out as Lakewood walked off the court, the winner 91-36, setting a school scoring record.

Including this lopsided loss the score between Shaker and Lakewood for the hotly contested "bell" now stands 2½ to 1—Shaker leading and needing but two of the remaining five points to capture possession of the "bell" for next season.

In the pregame attraction, Shaker's JayVees 49-42.

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